

Comprehensive Cancer Control Program

- Colorectal Cancer

Facts about colorectal cancer in Washington State:

- Fourth most common cancer in Washington
- Each year, about 3,000 people are diagnosed with colorectal cancer in Washington
- Second leading cause of death from cancer in Washington
- Each year about 1,000 people die of colorectal cancer in Washington
- Colorectal cancer can be both prevented and detected early through available screening tests

Comprehensive Cancer Control...

"An integrated and coordinated approach to reducing cancer incidence, morbidity, and mortality through prevention, early detection, treatment, rehabilitation, and palliation."

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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FACT SHEET

The Washington State Department of Health Comprehensive Cancer Control Program coordinates and facilitates a statewide collaborative effort to develop, implement, and evaluate a state comprehensive cancer control plan. The mission of the program is to reduce cancer incidence, morbidity, and mortality, and cancer related health disparities in Washington.

Washington Comprehensive Cancer Control Partnership

The Washington Comprehensive Cancer Control Partnership is the group of diverse stakeholders who are working together to implement the *Washington State Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan*. The Department of Health is a key stakeholder in the Partnership. The plan serves as a framework to guide the efforts of the Partnership. The plan consists of a broad set of goals, objectives, and strategies for reducing the cancer burden in Washington.

Washington State Colorectal Cancer Task Force

The Washington State Colorectal Cancer Task Force is a plan implementation work group of the Partnership coordinated and funded to achieve the Washington State Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan goal and objectives for colorectal cancer:

Goal

Reduce mortality from colorectal cancer in Washington

Objective 1

By 2008, increase to 60% the proportion of people aged 50 and older that have had colorectal cancer screening according to American Cancer Society recommendations for fecal occult blood test and endoscopy.

Baseline: 53% (\pm 3%). Data Source: 2002 BRFSS.

Objective 2

By 2008, increase the capacity of the health care system to perform high-quality colorectal cancer screening.

Baseline: To be established. Data Source: To be established.

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The Colorectal Cancer Task Force is funded through the Comprehensive Cancer Control Program as part of a cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The project is currently funded at \$350,000 per year through June 2007. Funding supports a project coordinator, other professional staff, and the implementation activities of the Task Force.